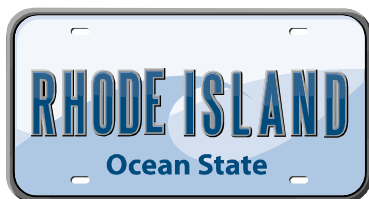


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We're Here to Help

One of the central missions of the Statewide Planning Program is to enable cities and towns to create great communities. The staff of the Statewide Planning Program is here to help, with everything from document review to data gathering, fact checking to facilitation. Our staff has expertise in a variety of topics, including GIS and mapping, public participation, data analysis, redevelopment planning and urban design. If you think your community could benefit from the assistance of the Statewide Planning Program, contact Jared Rhodes at 222-5772 or

Jared.Rhodes@doa.ri.gov.

www.preservation.ri.gov/conference

The conference program will be available and registration will open in March 2013.

Sustainable Communities Moves Forward with Economic Development Study

The Division of Planning and the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation in partnership with Fourth Economy, a Pittsburgh-based consulting firm, are nearing completion of an Economic Development Data Analysis and Assessment of the state.



The Economic Development Data Analysis and Assessment will provide information critical to the development of short- and long-term economic development strategies for Rhode Island by providing information in five key areas: business climate, industry clusters, regulatory environment, financial resources and marketing. The findings of the Data Analysis and Assessment will also feed the new state economic development plan, housing plan, and growth centers strategy that will be created through Rhode Island's Sustainable Communities effort. The goal is to develop an integrated vision and action plan that will allow us to create a better place for all Rhode Islanders.

The Division of Planning also expects to release soon the first-ever Equity Profile of Rhode Island, a report on the diversity, economic vitality, and connectedness of the state's residents, developed in collaboration with PolicyLink, a national research and action institute.

For a video presentation on Sustainable Communities by Governor Lincoln Chafee and Associate Director of Planning, Kevin Flynn, visit <http://www.riedc.com/video/sustainableRI.html>

Division of Planning Committee Meetings

Technical Committee

Scheduled for February 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence.

State Planning Council

Scheduled for February 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence.
February 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.



Walter Slocomb, a state employee of 32 years retired in January from the Statewide Planning Program as Principal Planner in the Transportation Unit. Through the years Walter provided valuable contributions to the numerous Transportation Improvement Plans (TIPs) and long range transportation plans updates for the State. His other accomplishments included the State Rail Plan, State Freight Plan, serving as editor of the monthly Statewide Planning e-news, custodian of the Planning library, and many more efforts. Walter's presence will be missed as he was always ready to lend a hand to other staff members. We all wish Walter well for a happy and healthy retirement.

RI Geographic Information (RIGIS)

From the RIGIS Event Calendar (<http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis/about/calendar.html>). If you need any more info on any of these items, click on the event calendar link. All RIGIS meetings are open to the public.

1) **RIGIS Standards Working Group** meeting on 2/6/13 from 1-3pm @ Fuss & O'Neill (317 Iron Horse Way, Suite 204, Providence, RI). Agenda is to continue working on a revised RIGIS statewide parcel mapping standard.

2) **Combined RIGIS User Group and RI Municipal GIS User Group** meeting on 2/20/13 from 9am-12pm @ Cranston City Hall (869 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI; Council Chambers). This meeting will be a "Parcel Symposium" including several short use case presentations, and a discussion on funding for sustainable municipal parcel data maintenance.

March RI APA Brown Bag Lunch co-hosted by Grow Smart Rhode Island

**Introducing a SmartCode Ordinance:
Lessons Learned from Jamestown
Town Council Chambers,
93 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown, RI
Friday, March 1, 2013, 1 pm – 3 pm**

In 2009, Jamestown adopted a SmartCode ordinance for the Jamestown Village Special Development District, with the goal of creating and protecting compact, walkable, mixed use development patterns while encouraging affordable housing. Lisa Bryer, Jamestown Town Planner, and Don Powers, Union Studio Architects, will review this zoning initiative from conception through implementation. Join us as Don and Lisa share lessons learned from the extensive public engagement process, the development and implementation of the design guidelines and ordinance and on-the-ground results to date. There will be ample time for questions and comments.

**FREE. Bring your lunch. RSVP to Nancy Hess,
nancy.hess@doa.ri.gov.**

University of Rhode Island Training and Workshops

Private Well Workshop Calendar

Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Louitt Library, Route 102, West Greenwich, RI



Pre-registration is required for workshops as space is limited. Programs are free. Call (401) 874-4918 to register.

During the workshop you will learn how you can protect your private well through:
Regular testing, Private well maintenance, Good housekeeping practices for your well.

The workshops are hosted by the [Rhode Island Department of Health](#) and the University of Rhode Island's Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program.

1. Using [ArcGIS.com](#): Maps and Geographic Data on the Web

Dates: March 14, 2013; 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Registration Fee : \$100

Summary: This is a half-day training program that will introduce you to ESRI's FREE online mapping applications available at [ArcGIS.com](#) and give you the tools to access the volumes of data being served from RIGIS which are easily accessible in this interface.

Explore ready to use map services from [RIGIS](#) and others (hundreds of maps!)

- Query existing data
- Build your own maps using readily available data from RIGIS and other sources
- Create your own data (import: .csv, .txt, addresses, .gpx, heads-up digitizing)
- Share your maps via e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website

ArcGIS Online, services developed by ESRI® that allow users to upload, download, and create data. Users may choose to make their map data public or limit access by using groups.

Requirements: This course is intended for those interested in working with geographic data and requires only a modest level of technical skill. ***No prior GIS knowledge is necessary!***

Participants will:

- Create a customized ArcGIS Online map
 - Become comfortable with the [ArcGIS.com](#) interface
 - Learn to access the RIGIS ArcGIS Server maps
 - Use tools to create layers on your custom map
 - Import .csv files with location data (x,y, address) on to map
 - Import Shapefiles on to an [ArcGIS.com](#) map
 - Learn how to share a map via email, Facebook, Twitter or by embedding it into own website.
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University of Rhode Island Training and Workshops cont'd

2. Introduction to GIS : Dates: March 11 - 13, 2013; 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Registration Fee: \$750

Summary: This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities of GIS. Using ESRI's ArcGIS 10.1 ®, software, we teach the fundamentals of working with GIS data, how to query a GIS database, edit spatial and attribute data and how to present data using maps, reports, and graphs. We also work extensively with the Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) database.

All students receive hands-on software instruction, course books with exercises with accompanying training data. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a **URI Certificate of Course Completion**. Classes are taught at URI's Kingston campus.

Requirements: Participants should be comfortable working in a windows environment. Please visit ESRI's training website and try this free course on Getting Started with GIS (for ArcGIS 10) This will provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the topics that will be covered in the three-day course. **Topics Covered:**

- Geospatial data types: storage and management
- Introduction to the ArcMap interface: toolbars, pop-up / drop-down menu
- How to display, symbolize, label geospatial data
- Using ArcGIS.com basemaps and other internet map services
- Printing and exporting maps
- Creating and Editing geospatial data
- How to perform attribute and spatial queries
- Creating X,Y location data, spatial analysis (overlay)
- Accessing the RIGIS data catalog

For more information and to register online, please visit: <http://geospatial.uri.edu/training/>

Grandparents in the Household



Grandparents play an important role in many households. In Rhode Island, an estimated 18,628 grandparents live with grandchildren under the age of 18, comprising 1.8% of the state's population according to American Community Survey 5-Year 2007-2011 dataset. Planners may want to consider the needs of multigenerational households and in particular of grandparents for several reasons. As Rhode Island's population ages, these kinds of households may become more common. New or different housing typologies might be appropriate for these households, such as accessory dwelling units. These households may have particular transportation challenges, especially for grandparents who are senior citizens and care for their grandchildren. Many of these grandparents are part of the labor force and some of these households live in poverty; understanding the economic conditions of families with grandparents in the home can help municipal and state planners target their needs. Read more about the characteristics of households with grandparents and grandchildren at .

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/census/ri2010.htm>

2012 Population Estimates Released

The U.S. Census estimates that Rhode Island had 1,050,292 residents as of July 1, 2012, 354 people fewer than the 2011 estimate, 1,050,646. A breakdown of estimated components of population change over the past year, including births, deaths, and net domestic and international migration, is available by state on the Statewide Planning Census webpage at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/census/ri2010.htm>. City and town population estimates, also on the Statewide Planning Census webpage, are currently only available for 2011. For a discussion of national trends in population change, the Census Bureau's press release at <http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/population/cb12-250.html>.
